

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee  
FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman  
SUBJECT: Zero-Based Clearance Reviews  
REFERENCE: Same subject, [redacted]  
dated 15 November 1978 (S)

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1. The reference asked that all NFIB Agencies and Departments conduct a zero-based review of all their Special Access Approvals. As we jointly agreed, this would be a review of all active SI, TK and [redacted] tickets and was to be completed by 30 September 1979.

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2. Based upon the 15 December 1978 reaction of the Compartmentation Subcommittee as to the wisdom of conducting such an all-out review in the face of a switchover to the APEX Control System concept, the matter was re-referred to the DCI. He agreed to forego a review of the product approvals at this time, but felt that we should still proceed with review of the operational compartments. Further, it is now clear that his desire is that this review be expanded to include all [redacted] [redacted] approvals held within the Community since they will be incorporated under the single APEX system. Also the DCI made clear that he wants stringent tests applied when verifying the continued need for access.

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3. In order to meet the benchmarks established for the [redacted] Working Group, I must now ask you to reconvene the Subcommittee and give them this amended tasking to which a deadline of 1 May 1979 for completion is attached. In view of the new earlier deadline for completion, only a final report will be required and you may ignore the interim report dates.

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